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B. GENEVA 398

1. AT FORTHCOMING ECDC COMMITTEE MEETING, DEPT HOPES THAT A UNIFIED POSITION CAN BE DEVELOPED AMONG GROUP B COUNTRIES ON HOW TO FINANCE STUDIES AND ADVISORY ASSISTANCE WHICH UNCTAD MAY PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN ACTIVITIES TO BE APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE. ASSUMING THAT COMMITTEE MEETING
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WILL BE HELD AS SCHEDULED, DESPITE PROBLEMS OF LATE DOCUMENTATION, WE WILL WANT TO ASSUME A POSTURE WHICH IS GENERALLY POSITIVE TOWARD LEGITIMATE ECDC ACTIVITIES AND WHICH WILL NOT ISOLATE US FROM THE REST OF GROUP B. INSTITUTIONAL AND FINANCIAL ASPECTS, HOWEVER, WILL BEAR AN ESPECIALLY CLOSE WATCH. BEFORE DEVELOPING A FIRM USG POSITION, WE WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE MISSION'S VIEWS ON

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THE QUESTIONS RAISED BELOW. (PLEASE REPLY BY PRIORITY CABLE.)

2. IN REFTEL (A), PARAGRAPH 13, IT IS REPORTED THAT THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT PROPOSES FINANCING UNCTAD ACTIVITIES WITH TRUST FUNDS IN 1977. DOES THIS IMPLY THAT THE COMMITTEE WILL BE ASKED TO ESTABLISH A TRUST FUND FOR ECDC UNCTAD ACTIVITIES, OR DOES IT PLAN TO SECURE FUNDING FROM EXISTING TRUST FUNDS IN THE UN SYSTEM? IS TRUST FUND FINANCING ENVISAGED AS A SUPPLEMENTARY SOURCE OF RESOURCES IN FUTURE YEARS OR ONLY IN 1977? HAS THE SECRETARIAT PROPOSED ANY BREAK-DOWN BETWEEN ACTIVITIES WHICH COULD BE SUPPORTED FROM TRUST FUNDS AND THOSE WHICH COULD BE SUPPORTED FROM INCREASES IN REGULAR BUDGET? HOW WOULD THE REST OF GROUP B FEEL ABOUT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH A TRUST FUND.

3. HOW STRONGLY DO OTHERS IN GROUP B SHARE OUR VIEW THAT UNCTAD TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE FINANCED OUT OF THE REGULAR UN BUDGET? HOW CLEARLY CAN A LINE BE DRAWN BETWEEN ADVISORY AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES?

4. ASSUMING WE AGREE TO UNCTAD SUPPORTING CERTAIN ACTI-
VITIES ON SUBSTANTIVE GROUNDS, OUR PREFERRED POSITION WOULD BE TO AUTHORIZE UNCTAD TO PROVIDE ADVISORY SUPPORT WITH ITS EXISTING STAFF AND TO HOST MEETINGS, AS REQUIRED, AT UNCTAD HEADQUARTERS WHICH WOULD BE OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS, BUT TO INSIST THAT THE HIRING OF CONSULTANTS AND ADDI-
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TIONAL ACTIVITIES BE FINANCED BY VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGH THE UNDP. WE WOULD APPRECIATE MISSION'S VIEWS ON WHETHER SUCH A POSITION WOULD RECEIVE STRONG OR LUKEWARM SUPPORT FROM THE REST OF GROUP B.

5. WITH RESPECT TO MISSION'S REQUEST IN PARAGRAPH 14 IN REFTEL (A), NEITHER THE DEPT NOR USUN IS AWARE OF ANY RESOLUTION BEING PASSED IN 31ST UNGA WITH RESPECT TO DOCUMENTATION BEING MADE AVAILABLE TO ALL MEMBERS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT A UK PROPOSAL ALONG THESE LINES FAILED TO WIN APPROVAL IN THE FIFTH COMMITTEE. IF MISSION CAN SUPPLY THE NUMBER OR TITLE OF THE RESOLUTION IN QUESTION, WE WILL CHECK AGAIN.
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